tices by the NCCF officials in the supply of pulses to Armed Forces through private traders channelised through the Agency of FCI;

(b) whether it is a fcat that besides the then Chairman of NCCF and FCI, a number of Senior Officers of NCCF, FCI and Armed Supply Corps of Defence Services, have also received adverse findings by the C.I f.; and

(c) the pecific reasons for the undue delay in prosecuting the involved VIPs and influential officers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The report of the CBI is under considerations of the Government.

Modernisation of Sone Canal in Bihar

1223. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of the Bihar was to be sanctioned resources for the modernisation of the Sone Canal system in Bihar;

(b) whether the World Bank has since agreed to finance the project; and

(c) if so when the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Government of Bihar has allocated in the Seventh Plan an amount of only Rs. 2 crores for the modernisation of Sone Canal System against the total project cost of Rs. 247 crores.

(b) The project has not been posed to the World Bank so far as the funds provided in the Seventh Plan by the State Government are inadequate.

(c) Does not arise.

Terms of Trade against Agricultural Goods

1224. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terms of trade has gone against agricultural gods since 1979; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to adjust it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The terms of trade (Base 1979-80=100) worked out to approximately 99 on a provisional basis in 1985-86.

(b) The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, *inter-alia*, take into account changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors while recommending procurement minimum support prices.

Scavengers working at Vithalbhai Patel House, New Delhi

1225. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3378 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the appointment of Seavengers is being made by contractors inside and outside Vithalbhai Patel House, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that previously cleansing work was undertaken by permanent employees of the CPWD;

(c) what are the reasons for entrusting this work to contractors; and

(d) whether the employees engaged by the contractor for this work are permanent employees of the CPWD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No,